

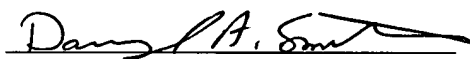
### Remarks

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed in conjunction with an application filing that is a continuation of application serial number 09/136,212, filed August 18, 1998, which will issue as U.S. patent no. 6,275,831 on August 14, 2001. Claims 8 and 21-40 have been canceled.

If for any reason the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would in any way expedite prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (831) 461-5535.

Respectfully submitted,

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Related Applications:

The present application is a continuation of co-pending U.S. Application No. 09/136,212, filed August 18, 1998, which is related to and claims the benefit of priority from the following commonly-owned, formerly co-pending U.S. provisional patent applications: serial no. 60/069,731, filed December 16, 1997, and entitled DATA PROCESSING ENVIRONMENT WITH SYNCHRONIZATION METHODS EMPLOYING A UNIFICATION DATABASE; serial no. 60/094,972, filed July 31, 1998, and entitled SYSTEM AND METHODS FOR SYNCHRONIZING TWO OR MORE DATASETS; and serial no. 60/094,824, filed July 31, 1998, and entitled DATA PROCESS ENVIRONMENT WITH METHODS PROVIDING CONTEMPORANEOUS SYNCHRONIZATION OF TWO OR MORE CLIENTS. The disclosures of the foregoing provisional applications are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety, including any appendices or attachments thereof, for all purposes. The present application is also related to the following co-pending [concurrently-filed], commonly-owned U.S. patent application, the disclosures of which are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety, including any appendices or attachments thereof, for all purposes: serial no. 09/136,215 [ ] (Attorney Docket No. SF/0018.03), filed August 18 [ ], 1998, and entitled SYSTEM AND METHODS FOR SYNCHRONIZING TWO OR MORE DATASETS. The present application is also related to the following commonly-owned[, co-pending] U.S. patent applications, the disclosures of which are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety, including any appendices or attachments thereof, for all purposes: serial no. 08/609,983, filed February 29, 1996, and entitled SYSTEM AND METHODS FOR SCHEDULING AND TRACKING EVENTS ACROSS MULTIPLE TIME ZONES, now U.S. patent no. 5,845,257; serial no. 09/020,047, filed February 6, 1998, and entitled METHODS FOR MAPPING DATA FIELDS FROM ONE DATA SET TO ANOTHER IN A DATA PROCESSING ENVIRONMENT, now U.S. patent no. 6,216,131, and serial no. 08/923,612, filed September 4, 1997, and entitled SYSTEM AND METHODS FOR SYNCHRONIZING INFORMATION AMONG DISPARATE DATASETS.